GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

PS – PR&RD Department- Allegations of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in P.Sirigepalli, ST colony of Jammalamadugu (M) in YSR Kadapa District – Charges framed – Not proved in the inquiry report of SE, PR, YSR Kadapa & IA – Disagreement factors communicated - Explanation submitted – Examined and Rejected - Imposing punishment of Stoppage of One (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then MEO, Jammalamdugu and presently working as DEE (FAC), Jammalamadugu – Orders – Issued.

PANCHAYAT RAJ & RURAL DEVELOPMENT (VIG-II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 359 Dated: 15-05-2025

Read the following:

1. Vigilance Report No.65 (C.No.40-6/V&E/E/2015), dated 25.07.2017 of DG, V&E.
2. G.O.Rt.No.436, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
3. G.O.Rt.No.437, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dated 15.05.2018.
4. Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then MEO, Jammalamdugu, WSD, dt.05.12.2018.
5. G.O.Rt.No.360, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.10.05.2019.
6. Letter No.Vig.(4)/837670/2017, dt.18.10.2023 of ENC, PR along with IR of IA&SE, PR, Kadapa, dt.10.09.2023.
7. Govt. Memo No.8213 (C.No.280651)/Vig.II/2017-5, dt.30.05.2024.
8. Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then MEO, Jammalamdugu, Representation, dt.nil.

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Based on the recommendations of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement in Vigilance Report 1st read above on the allegation of irregularities in execution of Project for Comprehensive Development of SC/ST colonies under MGNREGS for providing CC roads and drains in P.Sirigepalli, ST colony of Jammalamadugu (M) in YSR Kadapa District, Government, vide reference 2nd read above, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu, presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu and three (3) others under Rule 24 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

2. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, Government framed the following articles of charge against Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 with a direction to submit his written statement of defense:-

Charge:

That Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then MEO, MP, Jammalamadugu Mandal, YSR Kadapa District and now working as MEO, Proddatur Mandai, YSR Kadapa District has committed grave irregularities in execution of the project for Comprehensive development of SC/ST Colonies under MGNREGS in YSR Kadapa Dist., "for providing CC Roads and Drains in P.Sirigepalli ST Colony of Jammalamadugu Mandal" and caused loss to the Government exchequer to a tune of Rs.6,56,661/-, in contravention of APCS (Conduct) Rules, 1964, in as much as he:-

i. Allowed laying of CC pavement without obtaining mix design report and also approval from the competent authority.
ii. Recorded measurements and recommended for payment without ascertaining the quality of CC pavement resulting in substandard quality of work, worth Rs.6,33,447/-.
iii. Recorded measurements and recommended for payment of Rs.23,214/- for gravel shoulders without actually laying, thereby facilitated misappropriation of Government money.

3. In the reference 4th read above, the charged officer has submitted his written statement of defense and the same has been examined and found not convincing and decided to conduct regular inquiry into the matter. Accordingly, in the reference 5th read above, Government appointed the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj Circle, Kadapa, as Inquiring Authority under Rule 20(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 to conduct inquiry into the charge framed against the charged officer, Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu and three (3) other co-charged officers involved in the case.

4. In the reference 6th read above, the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj has furnished inquiry report of the Superintending Engineer, Panchayat Raj, Kadapa & Inquiring Authority to the Government for taking necessary action, wherein the Inquiring Authority has held the charge framed against Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu and three (3) other co-charged officers as not proved.

5. In the reference 7th read above, Government have furnished copy of inquiry report, dt.10.09.2023 together with following disagreement factors as per Rule 21(2) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 duly disagreeing with the findings of Inquiring Authority and treating the same as "held proved" to the charged officer, Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu with a direction to submit his representation, if any, within (10) days for taking further necessary action in the matter.

i. The field engineers have to ensure quality and quantity of the work. The contention that work was entrusted to the Gram Panchayat, who were not having technical knowledge is not tenable.
ii. Govt. vide Memo No.1073/Progs.I/2016-2, dt.28.01.2016 issue d orders allowing M20 grade in CC rural roads pertaining to the year, 2016 whereas, the works in question were executed prior t o that instructions and not applicable to this case.
iii.Thus, the CO has executed the work without design mix and in dulged in substandard execution of work and responsible for the lapse.

6. In the reference 8th read above, Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu has submitted the representation and stated that (i) as per MGNREGS guidelines, the work was entrusted to Gram Panchayat, who are not having technical knowledge of design mix and they have followed the nominal mix method, as the funds would be lapse by 31st March and executed as per specifications and guidelines, (ii) the Inquiring Authority has considered the work was executed with M20 grade concrete and recovery proposed for Rs.40,406/- from the withheld amount of Rs.1,21,616/- and the Government also considered the above recovery, (iii) In a similar case, Government have dropped further action vide G.O.Rt.No.52, PR&RD (Vig.II) Dept., dt.07.02.2023 against certain other Panchayat Raj Engineering Personnel on the charge. Hence, the

Charged Officer has requested the Government to exonerate him from the charge framed against him.

7. The Government have examined the matter and observed that recovering the amount of Rs.40,406/- for the CC component of works itself shows the substandard quality of work and lapses on the part of charged officer and the report submitted by the Inquiring Authority to accept the concrete with a lower grade of M20, instead of the specified M30 was treated as compliance with the findings of the Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement is not acceptable and the representation of the charged officer, Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Jammalamadugu is not found convincing for the disagreement factors communicated to him. Therefore, the contention of the charged officer to exonerate him from the charge framed against him is not tenable.

8. After careful examination the matter, Government hereby impose a punishment of stoppage of one (1) Annual Grade Increment without cumulative effect against the charged officer, Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then Mandal Engineering Officer, Jammalamdugu and presently working as Deputy Executive Engineer (FAC), Panchayat Raj, Jammalamadugu under Rule 9(iv) of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 in this disciplinary matter.

9. The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada, is requested to take further action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHASHI BHUSHAN KUMAR
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri S.Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, the then MEO, Jammalamdugu and
presently working as DEE (FAC), Jammalamadugu.
Through the Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, AP, Vijayawada.
The Engineer-in-Chief, Panchayat Raj, A.P., Vijayawada with a
request to serve the same on the CO and furnish the acknowledgement copy to the Government.

Copy to:

The Secretary to VC, A.P.Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director General, Vigilance & Enforcement Department,
A.P., Vijayawada.
The Panchayat Raj & Rural Development (Estt.I) Department.
The OSD to the Hon'ble Dy.CM for PR, RD, RWS&S and EFS&T.
The PS to Principal Secretary to Government, PR&RD Department.
SF/SC (280651).

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SECTION OFFICER